

Introductory Remarks

With this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 32, 37, and 39 to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 21-31, 34, 38, and 43-65 are now cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Thus, after this Amendment, the present application includes claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-20, 32-33, 35-37 and 39-42, wherein claims 1, 10, 19, 32, and 37 are presented in independent form.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-8, 10-13, and 15-20 and indication that claims 34 and 38-40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 32 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 34. Claim 37 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 38. Claim 39 is amended to depend from now allowable claim 37. As such, claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-20, 32, 33, 35-37, and 39-42 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

It should be noted that Applicant does not acquiesce in the Examiner's rejections, but instead has elected to make the above-mentioned amendments and cancellations in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application leading to issuance of a patent. Reconsideration of the application as amended above and in view of the following remarks is earnestly solicited.

Final Remarks

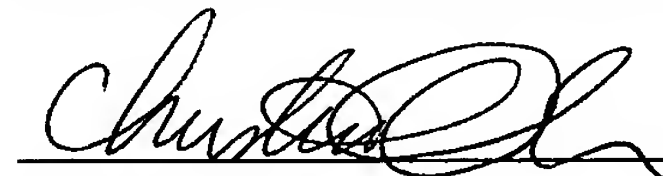
For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the solicited claims are condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comment arise during reconsideration of this matter.

If necessary, Applicant requests that this Response be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicant requests that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this Response be charged to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, Deposit Account Number 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

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